

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Lars Kilaas et al.  
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For : BINDING A TARGET SUBSTANCE

Examiner : Pensee T. Do  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2008, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on October 27, 2008. A Petition for an Extension of Time and authorization to charge the requisite fee are enclosed.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-21, drawn to magnetic particles which comprises a magnetic material and a matrix which has a surface comprising functional groups which promote disaggregation of the particles in the presence of a liquid phase, for examination at this time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.